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1. SELECTION PANEL FOR CHOOSING NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZATION (ISO) HELD ITS FIRST MEETING THE MORNING OF APRIL 19. SAID EL BOUS OF EGYPT, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, WAS ALSO ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE PANEL. PANEL QUICKLY AGREED TO A PROCEDURE UNDER WHICH THE LIST OF APPLICANTS WOULD BE REDUCED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO A SHORT-LIST OF 5-6 CANDIDATES WHO WILL BE INTERVIEWED WITH THE AIM OF PUTTING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL. ALL PANEL MEMBERS EXCEPT CUBA SEEMED TO STRONGLY FAVOR REACHING A FINAL DECISION AT THE MAY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL. WHILE CUBA DID NOT DIRECTLY OPPOSE THIS, ITS POSITION ON THE MATTER WAS EQUIVOCAL.

2. LIST OF 33 MENTIONED IN REFTTEL WAS INCREASED TO 35 WITH ADDITION OF 2 APPLICANTS WHOSE APPLICATIONS DID NOT REACH THE ISO SECRETARIAT ON TIME FOR TECHNICAL REASONS. IN A FIRST REVIEW, THE LIST WAS REDUCED TO 14, 6 OF WHOM WERE PLACED IN A FIRST PRIORITY CATEGORY,
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WHILE 7 WERE PUT IN A SECOND CATEGORY OF POSSIBLES. THE EIGHTH WAS ONE OF THE TWO LATECOMERS. HE WAS JOHN C. BURGH, DEPUTY SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF PRICES AND CONSUMER PROTECTION, HMG. MR. BURGH HAD WRITTEN BEFORE THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO ASK IF HE WERE ELIGIBLE SINCE THE U.K. WAS NOT A MEMBER GOVERNMENT. THE PANEL AGREED TO ACCEPT BURGH'S APPLICATION AND HE WAS ADDED

TO THE LIST OF THOSE STILL IN THE RUNNING. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PANEL WILL BE ON APRIL 26TH IN WHICH THE LIST OF 14 WILL BE PARED TO 5 OR 6. THIS SHORT-LIST OF APPLICANTS WILL BE INTERVIEWED ON MAY 8TH.

3. THE MEETING OF THE PANEL WAS CHARACTERIZED BY A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF LOW KEY MANOEUVRING. CANADA (MUSGR-OVE), WITH THE SUPPORT OF MAURITIUS (SAUZIER) ATTEMPTED TO DOWNPLAY THE IMPORTANCE OF GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES. MAURITIUS ATTEMPTED TO REDUCE THE LIST IN ONE FELL SWOOP TO 6 BUT THIS WAS RESISTED BY CUBA. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION OF THE POINT, THE CHAIRMAN RULED THAT PANELISTS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITIES, A POINT WHICH TROUBLED CUBA SOMEWHAT.

4. LIST OF 14 SEMI-FINALISTS FOLLOW:

NAME	NATIONALITY
P. J. DASS	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
M. E. FLETCHER	SWAZILAND
F. M. KEARNS	UNITED KINGDOM
W. K. MILLER	U.S.A.
J. R. SHARPE	CANADA
D. LAUGHTON	CANADA
J. P. FREEBORN	U.S.A.
J.H.V. DAVIES	UNITED KINGDOM
W. VIS	THE NETHERLANDS

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L. HOUZER	CANADA
A. MOZOOMDAR	INDIA
P. C. ALEXANDER	INDIA
K. L. PASRICHA	INDIA
J. C. BURGH	UNITED KINGDOM

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